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Madam President, Senator Schellpeper would like to announce that the General Affairs Committee will meet in Executive Session underneath the north balcony at eleven o'clock; General Affairs, north balcony, eleven o'clock. That is all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 6 on the agenda is legislative resolutions, LR 1.

CLERK: Madam President, LR 1 offered by Senator Bohlke. It is found on page 32 of the Legislative Journal. (Read.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I recognize Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, I know that many of you here worked with or knew Jerry Whelan. He was a great friend. Our Hastings Tribune did a great tribute to Jerry, and I would just like to read a few of the paragraphs to you. It's...the editorial page said, "A few weeks ago, it was my good fortune to spend a half-hour with Jerry and Ginny Whelan in their home. During that short time, another visitor knocked at his door and he received three telephone calls. He commented: 'It's surprising, really, how many friends have come to visit me...well, maybe a few are just morbid curiosity-seekers... But it's interesting that they value my advice and my opinions now that I am on the exit ramp of the interstate of life.' Ten years ago, Whelan was featured in a Magazine of the Midlands story by staff writer, Steve Millburg. He told Millburg that he doubted he would run for office again. He said Governor, (now Senator) Kerrey and Senator Exon were capably filling the logical seats for him to seek. He commented, 'You don't run for anything unless you are needed.' Whelan also indicated to Millburg that he had managed to keep politics in perspective. Whelan said a friend of his in Lincoln had seen one of his old campaign yard signs at a garage sale. The asking price was 50 cents. Whelan laughed and said, 'That's my place in history.'" May I suggest that he has a much higher place in history in all of our hearts, and as mentioned at the funeral yesterday, he was truly a man for all seasons. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, and members, I want to thank Senator Bohlke for introducing the resolution